

HORRORS OF AUTOPSY ON MRS. MILLS MAKE HALL TRIAL CROWD SHIVER

Simpson Asks Court to Let Jury Visit Crime Scene

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SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 10.—More ghastly disclosures came out of the Hall-Mills murder trial today to grip jury and spectators in their clammy tentacles.

Doctors told of autopsies on the body of Mrs. Mills and reviewed their guesome findings as men and women shivered.

Later the existence of such a witness was denied. This came after detectives had talked with John Ferratti of New Brunswick, reputed to have talked with Henry Stevens the night of the murders. Ferratti denied this.

There will be no court tomorrow, Armistice Day. The cessation of proceedings out of respect for the holiday set jurors and principals wondering when the case would end. "Out of the court house by Christmas," was the slogan around the court house.

A former detective told of viewing the bodies of the minister and the pretty choir singer where they were found under a crabapple tree on the old Phillips farm, and a new element of mystery was given the proceedings by the announcement of a "surprise witness."

Special Prosecutor Alexander W. Simpson asked the court to allow the jurymen who are to decide the fate of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall and her brothers, Henry and Willie Stevens, to visit the scene where, the state contends, they shot the Rev. Edward W. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, and then cut the tongue from the latter's throat.

Organs Examined

The court has the request under consideration, and may make a decision before the proceedings adjourn for the day.

There was a ripple of suppressed excitement as Dr. E. I. Cronk, New Brunswick health officer, related how he had examined Mrs. Mills's body to determine if she was in a state of motherhood.

It had taken place in the undertaking parlor where Dr. R. F. Hegeman had performed the original autopsy. It had not been done, Dr. Cronk contended, at the request of an attorney for Mrs. Hall, but at the suggestion of the undertaker.

Stevens in New Brunswick

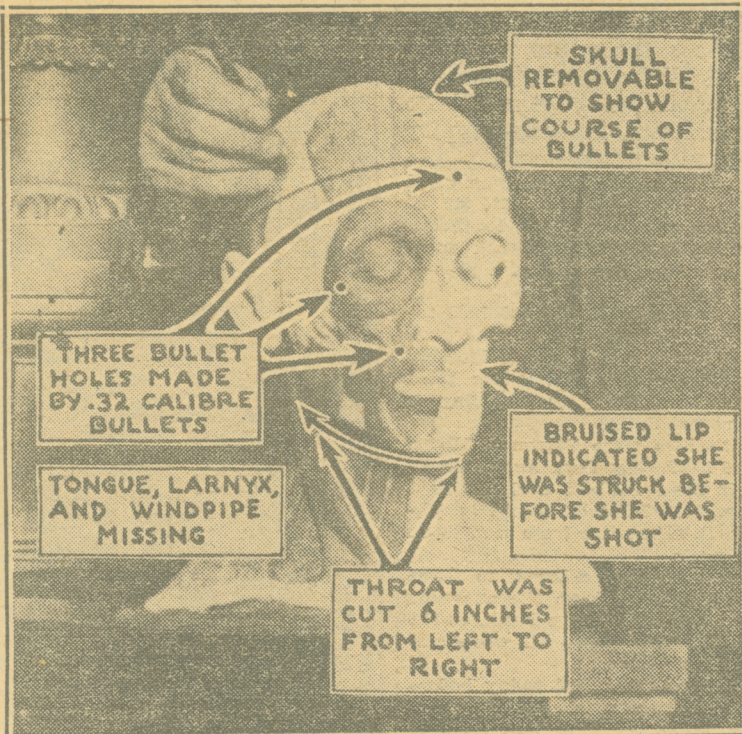
According to Simpson, Parrotte saw Henry Stevens in New Brunswick shortly before or after the minister and choir singer were slain.

Dr. Hegeman, like Dr. Otto Schultze, found Mrs. Mills had been shot three times and that her throat had been cut. He could not say whether her tongue had been cut out, as Schultze contends, because he did not examine her mouth, he said.

Dr. Cronk followed on the

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Wax Cast of the Head of Mrs. Mills



THIS MANNIKIN was used by Dr. Otto Schultze to illustrate the wounds which caused the death of the choir singer. Not the gruesome sight which had been expected, but yet terrifying enough to spectators—all but the three defendants in the murder trial, who repressed any emotion felt.

Rich British Widow Freed In Hall Case Counterpart

CHELMSFORD, ENGLAND, Nov. 10 (By U. P.).—An English murder trial, similar in many ways to the Hall-Mills case in New Jersey, ended yesterday when a jury, after deliberating only twenty minutes, acquitted Mrs. Harriet Amelia Crouch, 60, a wealthy landowner, of murdering her husband, Frank Crouch, who was fourteen years her junior.

Speed Damage Suit Of Widow-Mother

Mrs. Anna Samiolis, widowed mother of four infants, was granted preference of trial by Supreme Court Justice Carswell in Brooklyn today as the first step in her action to recover \$50,000 for the death of her husband, Anthony.

Morris Carl Schneidkraut, counsel for Mrs. Samiolis, said his client was destitute and asked an early trial. The case was set down for November 22.

Anthony Samiolis, the father, was killed on August 6 when he was run down by a car owned by Mrs. Lena Weinstein and driven by her husband, the papers say. The Weinsteins live at 1015 50th St., Brooklyn.

Memorial Flagpole Armistice Day Gift

A feature of the Armistice Day celebration tomorrow will be presentation to the city by Mrs. Charles Augustine Robinson of a flagpole at the Mall in Central Park.

These ceremonies are to be preceded by a parade which starts at 1 o'clock from 26th Street and 5th Ave., and proceeds up the latter thoroughfare to the park.

Among speakers at the flagpole will be Major-Gen. Charles P. Summerall, U. S. A.; Admiral Charles P. Plunkett, U. S. N.; Theodore Stitt, commander in chief of the V. F. W., and Mayor James J. Walker.

The memorial was designed by Sculptor George J. Lorber, in collaboration with Architect Otto F. Langmann. It is ninety feet high and the tallest in the park.

Crouch's death, which occurred August 20 at their big summer home, Clacton-on-the-Sea, attracted wide attention because it presented many factors now being presented to the Hall-Mills jury.

The wealthy Mrs. Crouch, the jurors were told, was jealous of her husband's friendship for other women, and particularly his attentions to Dorothy Smith, a pretty 24-year-old servant. Finally she murdered him, the prosecution claimed.

Admits Shooting

The widow took the witness stand and won her own case. She admitted that she had suffered tortures of jealousy, and also that she had bought a pistol while in Paris. On the day of the shooting, she declared, her husband had repeatedly knocked her down, and it was in one of these encounters that the pistol fell from her pocket. Fearing another attack, she picked up the weapon and flourished it at him.

She acknowledged that the pistol exploded while in her hands, but maintained that she had no intention of committing murder. A crowd in the courtroom cheered and applauded when Mrs. Crouch was found not guilty.

20 Drown as Train Plunges in River

GENEVA, Nov. 10 (By U. P.).—Twenty persons were drowned when a train plunged into the Adige River between Bozen and Meran, Austria, according to the Tyrol Anzeiger.

The wreck was said to have been caused by a landslide. Rescuers were powerless to aid the victims, who were trapped in the coaches, the report said.

Testimony of 20 Witnesses Called Nearly Negligible

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SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 10.—The Hall-Mills murder trial is a week old today. Since its start, last Wednesday morning, Special Prosecutor Simpson has called a score of witnesses. The testimony of most is considered negligible.

The possible exceptions were Mr. and Mrs. John S. Dickson, North Plainfield couple, who contradicted Willie Stevens's claim that he had not left the Hall home in New Brunswick on the murder night.

Willie, bewildered and agitated, had visited their home that evening, the Dicksons insisted, to ask his way to the "Parker home, down the lane," where his sister had taken him in an automobile.

Of second importance is the status of Dr. Hall's calling card, which the state claims bears fingerprints of Willie Stevens.

Since Simpson began introducing fingerprint experts, the Hall-Stevens counsel, by cross-examination, has established a doubt whether the card on exhibition in court today is the same card found at the feet of Dr. Hall.

Edward A. Schwartz, Newark fingerprint man, admitted he had had the card four years ago. He turned it over to a New York tabloid. Next it was given to Lieut. Fred Drewen, Jersey City sleuth. Then it went to Inspector Faurot in New York.

Several cards were found scattered about the two bodies. How can Simpson prove, the defense will ask, that this is "the" card?

William Garvin, a private detective, testified he had never seen Ralph Gorsline before October, 1922, when the latter came to him at the Burns agency in New York and told him he had seen Henry Stevens with a pistol in De Russes's Lane.

Garvin made an affidavit to Simpson and swore on the stand that the utter stranger, Gorsline, had said that Stevens fired two shots at him and drove him from the lane.

Ervin J. Smith, another private detective, will tell for the defense that Garvin has known Gorsline since 1908, when Garvin was employed on an election job in South River, where he met and became friendly with the gaunt vestryman.

If Smith's testimony is proved, the defense will later ask that Garvin be indicted for perjury.

Robert Ehrling, a millwright has said he saw the "pig woman" in De Russes's Lane. The defense will call William Straub, who will testify that Ehrling told him he could make money by coming forward with certain information.

Mrs. Marie Demarest, New Brunswick housewife, has sworn she saw Henry Stevens near her home the morning after the murder.

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der Mrs. Minna Clarke, her cousin, will deny that she also saw Stevens, as Mrs. Clarke had testified.

Jane Gibson, the "pig woman" and only eyewitness to say that she saw the defendants at the murder scene, has not yet testified. While she convalesces at Jersey City Hospital, Simpson plans to call her early next week, as he concludes his case.

Salome Jane Eisleitner, the "pig woman's" mother, will confront her daughter as a defense witness. Joseph Reilly, who worked as a chore boy on the "pig woman's" farm on the murder night, will also testify that Jennie, the mule, was not taken from her stable.

Dry Padlocks Bar 17 Places

Seventeen places in this city and vicinity were rendered arid by Federal Judge John C. Knox in padlock decrees. Five were for one year each, eleven for six months and one for three months. Among the one-year decrees are the Victor Italian Restaurant, 68 West 37th St.; Elk Cafe, 2819 8th Ave.; Peacock Inn, 136 3d Ave., and L. H. K. Rumanian Restaurant, 54 Rivington St.

ELMHURST RECTOR'S WIFE DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Florence Gibson McGuffey, wife of the Rev. Edward M. McGuffey, died today in the rectory of St. James' P. E. Church in Elmhurst, Queens, after a long illness.

Funeral services are to be held Friday, Bishop Stires of Long Island officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

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